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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a special project under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) to promote horticulture in the country including Himachal Pradesh in view of its favourable geographical and environmental conditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the States proposed to be covered under the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation had launched two Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of horticulture in the country (1) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States in the year 2001-02,namely: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim,Tripura and was extended to Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during the year 2003-04. (2) National Horticulture Mission, launched during the year 2005-06, which is being implemented in the remaining States and UTs.

` The activities taken up under these schemes are to promote horticulture including production of quality planting material, area expansion of various horticulture crops, rejuvenation of old and senile orchards, adoption of organic farming, integrated pest management,protected cultivation, creation of water resources, training, post harvest management,marketing and processing.